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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Executive Officer to the DDA

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Director, Office of Logistics

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Office of General Counsel

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FROM:

Assistant General Counsel

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SUBJECT:

Request for Comments on H.R. 2528

1. This memorandum is to request your comments on H.R. 2528, a Bill which would amend the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. §686 (a)) as follows:

2. Currently, the Economy Act permits a federal agency (the requisitioning agency) to place an order with any other federal agency (the requisitioned agency) for materials, supplies, equipment, work or services of any kind that the requisitioned agency is in a position to supply to the requisitioning agency.

3. The Act, however, does not permit the requisitioning agency to request the requisitioned agency to obtain the materials by contract. There is an exception, however, to this general rule: the Army, Navy, Federal Maritime Commission, the Treasury Department and the Federal Aviation Agency are all permitted to request other federal agencies to obtain materials, etc. for them by contract.

4. H.R. 2528 would amend the Economy Act so as to extend this ability to all federal agencies. It would also remove the restriction that such contracts be let on a bid basis and would add the restriction that the Act's procedures could not be used to circumvent any restrictions otherwise placed by law on the requisitioning agency.

5. I assume that the Agency would support this Bill on general principles as it would allow us to obtain services from other government agencies in a simpler and less expensive fashion. I ask, however, for your comments.

6. You will note that the Bill was introduced by Representative Brooks, Chairman, House Government Operations Committee and that it has been favorably reported out by that Committee.

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Attachments